CLAIMS

1-15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

receiving an identifier from a client device at a first configuration server, the client device being one of a plurality of client devices in a household, the identifier uniquely identifying the client device from the other client devices in the household;

receiving a first request for configuration information associated with the client device from the client device at the first configuration server each time the client device is to perform a task which requires application of the configuration information associated with the client device;

identifying the requested configuration information associated with the client device based on the received identifier, wherein the requested configuration information is household configuration information shared by the plurality of client devices in the household differs from configuration information associated with the other client devices in the household;

communicating the household requested configuration information to the client device from the first configuration server;

communicating video data to the client device for display on a display device in accordance with the household configuration information, the household configuration including a parental lock prohibiting communication and display of an additional video program;

receiving modified configuration information from the client device at the first configuration server;

storing the modified configuration information at the first configuration server, the modified configuration information differing from the household configuration information and from configuration information associated with the other client devices in the household;

receiving a second request for configuration information associated with the client device from a second configuration server; and

communicating the modified ~~requested~~ configuration information to the second configuration server from the first configuration server.

17.-19. (Canceled)

20.   (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 16 [[18]] further comprising communicating the modified configuration information to the client device from the first configuration server during subsequent requests for configuration information from the client device.

21.   (Original) One or more computer-readable memories containing a computer program that is executable by a processor to perform the method recited in claim 16.

22-29. (Canceled)

30.   (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a network;

a first configuration server;

a second configuration server in communication with the first configuration server via the network;

a plurality of re-locatable client devices in a household, each of the re-locatable client devices in the household having an identifier which identifies the re-locatable client device from the other client devices in the household, at least one of the re-locatable client devices being in communication with the first configuration server via the network; and

wherein the first configuration server is configured to:

store configuration information associated with the re-locatable client devices, the configuration information including household configuration information shared by the plurality of re-locatable client devices in the household;

receive a first request for configuration information associated with a first re-locatable client device from the first re-locatable client device;

identify the requested configuration information associated with the first re-locatable client device based on the identifier associated with the first re-locatable client device which identifies the first client device from the other client devices in the household, wherein the requested configuration information is the household configuration information;

communicate the requested household configuration information to the

first re-locatable client device;

receive modified configuration information from the first re-locatable client device;

store the modified configuration information, the modified configuration information differing from the household configuration information and from configuration information associated with the other re-locatable client devices in the household; and

communicate the modified configuration information to the first re-locatable client device;

~~override household configuration information on the first client device in the household with the requested configuration information, the requested configuration information permitting the display of content which the household configuration information prohibits;~~

displaying, on the first client device, the content that is prohibited by a parental lock in the household configuration information but permitted by the modified configuration information ~~after applying the request configuration information to the first client device~~;

~~prohibiting the display of the prohibited content on the other client devices in the household using the household configuration information;~~

receive a second request for configuration information associated with a second re-locatable client device from the second configuration server; and

communicate the requested configuration information associated with the second re-locatable client device to the second configuration server.

31.   (Previously Presented) A system as recited in claim 30 further comprising the second re-locatable client device being in communication with the first configuration server via the network.

32.   (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

receiving an identifier from a client device at a first configuration server, the client device being one of a plurality of client devices in a household, the identifier uniquely identifying the client device from the other client devices in the household;

receiving a first request for configuration information associated with the client device from the client device at the first configuration server each time the client device is to perform a task which requires application of the configuration information associated with the client device;

identifying the requested configuration information associated with the client device based on the received identifier, wherein the requested configuration information is household configuration information shared by the plurality of client devices in the household which differs from configuration information associated with the other client devices in the household;

communicating the requested household configuration information to the client device from the first configuration server; and

communicating video data to the client device for display on a display device;

receiving modified configuration information from the client device at the first configuration server;

storing the modified configuration information at the first configuration server, the modified configuration information differing from the household configuration information and from configuration information associated with the other client devices in the household; and

communicating the modified configuration information to the client device from the first configuration server during subsequent requests for configuration information from the client device.

33.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[16]] 20 further comprising:

communicating the additional video program to the client device for display on a display device in accordance with the modified configuration information.

~~displaying, on the client device, content prohibited by household configuration information by applying the request configuration information to the client device; and~~

~~prohibiting the display of the prohibited content on another client device in the household by applying the household configuration information to the other client device in the household.~~

34.   (Canceled)